

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Leland C. Blackwood, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Leland C. Blackwood, Jr., is one such estimable individual, who has served Blount County and Maryville with distinction and will be taking his much-deserved retirement after more than thirty years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwood began his career with Blount County in the Property Assessor's Office, serving as deputy assessor for nine years, before attaining the rank of property assessor, in which position he served for four years; and

WHEREAS, Leland Blackwood spent the next twenty years of his career serving as a risk manager for the City of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure with Blount County government and the City of Maryville, Mr. Blackwood worked for thirteen years in insurance and real estate with Blackwood Agency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this admirable career, Mr. Blackwood has also volunteered his time with the Blount County Habitat for Humanity Board, Appalachian Service Project, Leadership Blount Class of 1998, Boy Scouts of America, Community Food Connection, Welcome Table, Special Olympics, Shop with a Cop, and Good Neighbors of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwood is a proud and faithful member of First United Methodist Church and the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Leland Blackwood has been married to Lisa R. Blackwood, a fellow Blount County native, for forty-eight years; they share two children, Ginger Blackwood and Leland C. Blackwood III; a daughter-in-law, Meg T. Blackwood; and five grandchildren, Alyssa Blackwood, Jenna Martin, Leland C. Blackwood IV, Margaret Bailey Blackwood, and Ridge Blackwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwood exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Leland Blackwood has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Leland C. Blackwood, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.